



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster County Attorney's Office, and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

On December 11, 2009, a Lincoln man was sentenced to 10 years (120 months) in federal prison for his involvement in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine over approximately a two-year period. Information provided to law enforcement indicated that John Rieck was involved in the distribution of between approximately 18 ounces and three pounds of methamphetamine. In June of 2008, Rieck was found to be in possession of a small amount of methamphetamine by a Lincoln Police officer. On three occasions in November and December of 2008, a confidential informant working with the Nebraska State Patrol bought small quantities of methamphetamine from Rieck and his wife at their Lincoln residence. Following the prison term, Rieck will serve five years on supervised release. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

**Name of Defendant:** John S. Rieck

**AKA:**

**Age:** 32

**City of residence:** Lincoln

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Lincoln

**Location of Arrest:** Wahoo, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** Rieck was held responsible for at least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately 3 pounds) of a substance containing methamphetamine.

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** Rieck's wife and co-defendant, Tami M. Rieck pled guilty to the conspiracy charge and was sentenced in November of 2009 to 70 months in prison.

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** Between on or about January 1, 2007, and on or about January 31, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** April 28, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** April 22, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** April 30, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Rieck pled guilty on August 28, 2009.

**Sentencing Date:** December 11, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** none

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** The Honorable David L. Piester

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** held without bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:** April 28, 2009

**Assigned District Court Judge:** The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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